

Julie Bishop citation

Wednesday 3rd of May 2017

11:00am – Faculty of the Professions

Chancellor, I am very pleased and proud to present to you Julie Isabel Bishop.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University is being awarded today to the Honourable Julie Bishop in recognition of her exceptional contribution over the past 18 years to Australian politics, currently serving as Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and, since 2007, as Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party.

In her role as Minister for Foreign Affairs she has won considerable praise and admiration for her diplomatic and sensitive handling of a number of issues of vital importance to Australia and its citizens in their safety and security. She has also played a key role in advancing international opportunities for students at this and other universities, under the New Colombo Plan.

Julie Bishop was born in Lobethal, South Australia and was educated at St Peter's Collegiate Girls' School before studying Law at the University of Adelaide. She graduated from this University with a Bachelor of Laws in 1979. Ms Bishop later attended Harvard Business School in Boston, completing the Advanced Management Program for Senior Managers.

Ms Bishop began her career in an Adelaide law firm, becoming a partner at just 26. In 1983, she moved to Perth, practising as a commercial litigation lawyer at Clayton Utz before becoming a partner in 1985 and managing partner in 1994.

Ms Bishop entered politics in 1998 as Liberal Member for Perth. She was sworn in as a Member of Parliament in 1999. In 2007, she was sworn in as a Minister of the Government of Australia. She is the first female Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party.

as well as a number of charitable organisations, including acting as Ambassador of the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Western Australia and patron of CanTeen. She is also Director of the West Coast Eagles AFL Club – and an avid supporter.

Importantly for this University, and many others, she introduced the New Colombo Plan, which has seen thousands of students complete part of their studies in the IndoPacific.

It is therefore with great pleasure I present to you, Chancellor, the Honourable Julie Bishop, Bachelor of Laws, for conferral of the Degree of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*).